

THE  
CHRONICLE  
OF  
WILLIAM,  
The Son of  
GEORGE.

With all that passed at the BATTLE of  
*Tournay*; the mighty Acts of *W—k*  
the Prince, and *In—dsby* the Brigadier:

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*Put not your Trust in D—.hmen, nor in  
the Sons of H—ll—d, in whom there  
is no Help.* King DAVID.

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By *DATHAN* the Jew,  
Physician to *Koningsegg* the Marshal.

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*The Chronicle of WILLIAM, &c.*

1 **N**OW it came to pass, in the Days of **GEORGE** the Second, King of the Nations of *Great Britain*.

2. That **LEWIS**, the King of *France*, was at War with the Nations round about: For he was an ambitious Prince, as his Forefathers were; and he sought to make himself greater than all the Kings of the Earth.

3. Wherefore he made War against **MARIA** Queen of *Hungary*, and against many other Princes of the Land of *Germany*; and he also fought against the King of *Sardinia*.

4. Moreover he stirred up Nation against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom; and the Terror of his Name was great, and Fear came upon all his Neighbours.

5. But the Lord stirred up the Heart of **GEORGE** King of *Britain*, and his Anger was kindled against *Lewis*, and his Blood waxed hot within him; and he sent Messengers to *Maria* Queen of *Hungary*, saying,

6. Fear not, neither be thou dismayed, for behold the Lord hath raised thee a Friend out of the midst of the Waters, and from the *Isles* shall he come forth to thine Assistance; and thou shalt stand before thine Enemy, and he shall not be able to prevail against thee: For the Lord humbleth the Proud, and bringeth the Council of the Wicked to nought,

7. And *George* sent Money to *Maria*, that she might hire Soldiers to encrease her Army; moreover he put himself at the Head of his Men of War, and marched into the Land of *Germany*: And the Forces of *George* joined themselves unto the Forces of *Maria*, and the King of the *Britons* was Captain of the Host.

8. Then *Lewis* sent forth one of his great Captains, whose Name was *Noailles*, and he came out against *George* and put his Army in array against him at *Dettingen*.

9. And the Lord delivered *Noailles*, and his Men, even the Flower of the Army of *Lewis*, into the Hand of *George*; and many perished by the Sword, and the residue fled; and the Captains, and Generals of *Maria* pursued them, and drove them out of the Land of *Germany*.

10. More-

10. Moreover the *Hussars*, and *Pandors*, and *Croatians*, and *Warradins*, and *Austrians*, and *Hungarians*, and many others that fought for *Maria*, passed over the *Rhine*, and followed the Men of *Lewis* into their own Country, and plundered the Land, and returned home laden with great Riches.

11. Howbeit, at the Return of the Year, at the Time when Kings go forth to Battle, it came to pass, that *Lewis* gathered together another Army greater than the first.

12. And he caused them to go up against the strong Holds and the fenced Cities of *Maria*, to take, and to destroy, and to lay waste.

13. Now *George* King of *Britain* had a valiant Son whose Name was *William*, and he was trained in the Art of War from his Youth up, until he was twenty five Years old; and his Mother's Name was *Caroline*.

14. And *George* spake unto the young Man, saying, thou art my Son, and Valour is with thee, as for me I am waxing in years and Age cometh upon me: therefore let me wear out the Residue of my Days, in the Land of Peace, and do thou go forth with the Men of War.

15. As for F———k, he is thine elder B——r; and he shall be King after me; wherefore he stayeth at home, and giveth himself up to the Study of *Marchiavel*, and *Puffendorf*, that so he may learn to rule wisely, and to govern the Kingdom in Peace.

16. And now, behold the King of *France* ceaseth not to fight against us, and against the Cause which we have sworn to defend; Now therefore arise, and gird on thy Sword, and go unto the Army which I have sent into *Flanders*, and take the Command of the Host into thine own Hand.

17. Be strong therefore, of good Courage, and acquit thee like a Man: AM NOT I THY FATHER?

18. So *William* arose, and girt on his Sword, and went by the Way of *Holland*, which is also called the Land of the *Dutch*, and came unto the Army, and took the Command thereof.

19. And the Men of *Lewis* assembled themselves together near *Tournay*, in Number about fourscore Thousand; and

they encamped before the City, and begirt it round about, and laid Siege unto it.

20. Now *Tournay* belongeth to the *Dutch*, and standeth on the Frontiers of their Country; and there was a Garrison in the City.

21. And *William* the son of *George*, and *Koningsegg*, *Maria's* General, and *Waldeck* the Prince, who commanded the Men of *Holland*, took counsel together, saying, behold the *French* besiege *Tournay*; now therefore let us go up against them, that we may raise the Siege and deliver the City from the Hand of the Enemy.

22. So they caused the Host to advance towards *Tournay*, and in the Evening they pitched their Tents at a Place called *Bougnies*, which was so nigh unto the advanced Guards of the Enemy, that a Slinger might cast a Stone from one Army to the other.

23. And *Saxe*, the Captain of the Host of the *French*, sent Messengers unto *Lewis*, saying, I have encamped against *Tournay*, and have besieged the City, and behold *William*, the Son of *George* King of the *Britons*, is come up against me at the Head of his Father's Troops.

24. Moreover he hath brought with him an Host of *Dutchmen*, and *Hanoverians*, and *Austrians*, even the whole Army of the Allies: Howbeit, the Siege goeth on successfully;

25. Now therefore, come thou and take the City, lest it be given unto me, and the Glory thereof unto my Name.

26. And when *Lewis* heard these Things, he bade his Servants make ready, and they made ready his Coach, and he departed from *Versailles*, and came into the Host.

27. And when he arrived in the Camp, the whole Army shouted for Joy, and fired an hundred and fifty Pieces of Ordinance into the City, and burnt many Houses, and destroyed the Temples of the Idols.

28. Now it came to pass, that immediately after *William* arrived with his Army at *Bougnies*, he went out into the Plain and took *Waldeck* and *Koningsegg* along with him; and these three Captains examined the Ground, and marked the Field of Battle.

29 Then

29. Then *William* lift up his Eyes, and behold the Men of *Lewis* had divided themselves into small Parties.

30. And one Party hid themselves in the Fields, and in the Woods, and under the Hedges; and these were called *Pandours*, and *Grassins*, and they were covered by certain small Squadrons, which were posted before them.

31. Another Party was lodged in a certain Village called *Veson*; and these were likewise covered by Detachments, placed at small Distances one from the other.

32. And another Party was lodged in a Village called *Fontenoy* and there was yet another Village, which they consumed with Fire; for they said, lest peradventure it should be an Hindrance unto us, or lest the Allies take possession of it: For it stood betwixt *Fontenoy* and the Army of *William*.

33. And these seperate Parties were a sore Hindrance to the Host of the Allies, which could not get into the Plain, that was before the Camp of the *French*, until these Men were driven from their advanced Posts.

34. But when *William* saw this, he hastened, and chose out of the Army twelve Squadrons and six Pieces of Cannon, and two Hawbitzers.

35. And *William* said unto them, behold the Enemies are dispersed over the Face of the Country in small Parties: now therefore go ye up against them, and drive them from their strong Holds.

36. And the Men did as they were commanded, and forced the *French* out of their Lodgments and their strong Holds, but the Village which is called *Fontenoy* did they not force, because it was nigh unto the Camp. And this was done the same Evening that the Army came to *Bougnyes*.

37. Moreover *William* gave orders, saying, let the whole Army be ready to advance against the Enemy at the second Hour of the Morning.

38. And a certain Man answered him, and said, behold there is a Village before us, which hath a Fort near the Wood mounted with Cannon, and the Enemy hath lodged five or six hundred Men in the Place.

39. Then

39. Then *William* spake unto one of the general Officers who was called a Brigadier, and said unto him, the Enemy hath about six hundred Men in the Fort near the Wood.

40. *Arise therefore and take with thee four Battalions of chosen Men, and three Pieces of Cannon, and possess thyself of this Fort, lest peradventure, it proveth a Thorn in our Side.*

41. *And the Brigadier answered and said, It shall be done, and he went forth and took with him the Battalions and the Cannon. Howbeit he attacked not the Fort. And the Name of the Brigadier was In——dsby.*

42. *And when the Morning was come, the Son of George arose, and made ready for the Battle; and he spake unto one of the mighty Man of Valour, whose Name was Campbell, saying, thus, and thus, shall thou do, and thou shalt cover the Infantry of the Right Wing with three thousand Horsemen, and extend the Squadrons along the Plain, even from the Wood until thou comest to Fontenoy.*

43. *For behold I have set Ligonier, a valiant and skilful General, over the Footmen in the right Wing; and thou shalt be a Wall before him, that he may form the lines in safety.*

44. *And behold a Cannon Ball smote Campbell and shot off his Leg, and his Servants bare him to his Chariot, and he died therein, and was lamented by all that knew him: And there was none found to command in his stead, so that Ligonier, and his Men, were exposed to the Fury of the Batteries.*

45. *Howbeit the Wisdom and Courage of Ligonier prevailed against the Batteries of the French, and he drew up his Men in two Lines, in the Front of the Battle.*

46. *And Waldeck commanded the left Wing, and the Men of Holland were there. And Waldeck spake unto William, and unto Koningsegg saying, behold I will go up against the Enemy at Fontenoy; and they answered, do as thou hast said, so William, and Koningsegg, and Ligonier, and all the chief Captains of the Host depended upon Waldeck.*

47. *And straightway Ligonier sent an Aid de Camp unto William, saying, all Things are now ready, and, if thou approvest it, I will cause the Battle to begin,:: what Time Waldeck goeth up against Fontenoy.*

48. And

48. And M<sup>r</sup> G——l P\*\*\*\*\* said unto William, the Time is come for In——dy to attack the Fort near the Wood: Nevertheless he goeth not up.

49. Then William sent Messengers unto In——by saying, wherefore goest thou not up against the Fort? Howbeit he went not up yet.

50. And William sent other Messengers, and they told In——by, saying, thus saith WILLIAM the Captain of the Host, get thee up instantly, and attack the Fort, as thou wert commanded. Albeit In——by went not up yet.

51. And Ligonier also sent Messenger after Messenger unto In——by, saying, wherefore dost thou not destroy the Fort? seest thou not that the Host is greatly annoyed by the Cannon of the Place, yea, and the People are cut down, and fall in their Ranks, as the Grass falleth before the Scythe of the Mower.

52. But notwithstanding all this, In——by never went up.

53. Then Waldeck marched against Fonteney; but his evil Genius went with him and he was discomfited before the Village.

54. Howbeit William put himself at the Head of his own Troops, and led them against the Host of the Frenchmen.

55. But the Army of Lewis was superiour in Number to the Army of the Allies, for they had not more than fifty thousand Men that drew the Sword, and Lewis had fourscore thousand. Albeit there is a Report, that the King of France ventured not into the Battle.

56. And the Son of Lewis, who is called the Dauphin, and Saxe the Captain of the Host, set the Battle in Array against William, and planted great Numbers of Cannon, and other Pieces of Ordinance and fired upon him and his Army &re they came up.

57. Howbeit William and his Men were intrepid, and marched on through the Fire, and the Smoke and the Tumult; and advanced within thirty Paces of the French, and the Battle began.

58. And Ligonier did Wonders in the Field, and he, and his Men, that fought on Foot, bore down all before them; and terrible was the Slaughter on both Sides.

59. And

59. And the Conflict was sore against the French, and they retreated to their own Camp; and William was Master of the Field, and many began to exult, and to cry out Victory!

60. When, lo! the Guns roared against them from the Heights of Fontenoy, and from the Fort near the Wood; and William and his Men were assaulted with cross Fires.

61. Moreover the French rallied in their Entrenchments, and assaulted them in Front. Destruction fell on them on all Sides, and Horror encompassed them about: And, finally, the Victors were driven back.

62. Howbeit the Army was again put in Order, by the Courage, and good Conduct, of William and Koingsegg.

63. And the General encouraged the Soldiers, and they fell again upon the French, and drove them as before; and many fell by the Sword.

64. But the Men of Lewis had the Advantage of Situation, as well as Numbers; yet the Measures, and Dispositions of William were formed with such Wisdom, and such was his Courage, and so gallant were the Deeds of Ligonier; that Victory must, at length, have declared for the Allies; had it not been given unto the Men of Lewis, by the Tr—— and C——dice of the D——ch.

65. Who being on the left Wing, came not up to the first Attack, nor to the second; yea they remained in their Places, and gave up William and the Host, to be overpowered and cut off by the Multitude of their Enemies.

66. But the LORD delivered William in the Day of Battle, and the Army retired in good Order. Albeit the Soldiers cursed W——k, and In——by, and the Men of H——d.

67. And there fell of the People that Day, four Thousand Britons, and two Thousand Hanoverians; and twelve Hundred Horses.

68. Howbeit the Loss of the French was greater than the Loss of the Allies: Nevertheless they remained in their Camp, and the City is besieged unto this Day.

Here endeth the First Book of the Chronicle of WILLIAM the Son of GEORGE. 23 JY. 69